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## Community Good Friday services planned

■ The Wabash Area Ministerial Association will be conducting a Community Good Friday Service on Friday, April 2, said Dorothy Carpenter of Wabash First Church of God. It will be held from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St.

■ The Fellowship of Churches and local pastors will hold the Community Good Friday Service starting

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# WPD Sgt. Nick Brubaker retires

After over 20 years of service to the city, he has now joined Parkview Police Department

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After more than two decades, Wabash Police Department (WPD) Sgt. Nick Brubaker has officially retired.

On Sunday, March 28, WPD public information

officer Capt. Matt A. Benson said Brubaker's last day was Wednesday, March 24.

Brubaker started his public service with the United States Army from 1988 to 1992, serving in Operation Desert Storm in 1991. After his military service, Brubaker returned to Wabash County and joined the Wabash County Sheriff's Department working as a jail officer. In 1997, Brubaker joined the North Manchester Police Department.

Benson said Brubaker joined the WPD on April 26, 2000. During Brubaker's

tenure with the WPD, he was a member of the Wabash County Drug Task Force and a Uniform Sergeant on patrol.

"Sgt. Brubaker was the department's firearms instructor and was instrumental in implementing patrol rifles for the department," said Benson.

Benson said Brubaker has now joined Parkview Police Department.

In October 2020, Brubaker was shot in the right leg by murder suspect William L. Sendelbach while responding to the scene. WPD

officers returned fire and Sendelbach later died from injuries. Later that month, Indiana State Police (ISP) investigators cleared the officers involved in the shooting of any wrongdoing.

On Monday, Benson said Brubaker had completely recovered from his injuries sustained during the incident and they had nothing to do with his retirement.

"Good luck Sgt. Brubaker and congratulations on your retirement," said Benson.

As Brubaker moves on



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Sgt. Nick Brubaker joined the WPD on April 26, 2000.

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Graduates will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), required to become licensed as a registered nurse.

## Manchester to host virtual, in-person events for prospective nursing students

Traditional BSN, Accelerated BSN Second Degree programs begin in fall

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University is setting up visits, information sessions and other events for prospective nursing students.

Links to take part in tours, information sessions and open houses can be found at [www.manchester.edu/nursing](http://www.manchester.edu/nursing). In-person and virtual options are available.

The four-year Traditional BSN Program is for high school graduates seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Traditional BSN nursing students start with two years at the North Manchester campus

before moving on to advanced work at the Fort Wayne campus.

Traditional BSN visits at the North Manchester campus run from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and include admissions info, a campus tour, details about the nursing program, plus lunch.

Those who need a different date may contact admissions by email at [admitinfo@manchester.edu](mailto:admitinfo@manchester.edu) or by calling 800-852-3648.

The traditional program also offers virtual information sessions at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7 and Thursday, April 15.

The Accelerated BSN Second Degree Program is for those who already have a bachelor's degree in another field and want to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing. It is a full-time, 16-month program at Manchester's Fort Wayne campus, 10627 Diebold Road.

Virtual and in-person visits for the

accelerated program are available. On-campus visits are normally at 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Those who need another time may email [healthsciences@manchester.edu](mailto:healthsciences@manchester.edu) to explore other options.

A virtual information session is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14.

An open house for prospective Accelerated BSN Second Degree students is 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29. Because of COVID-19, only 20 participants will be accepted for the open house.

Masks and social distancing are required for all on-campus visits.

Both programs begin in fall 2021. Graduates will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), required to become licensed as a registered nurse.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

## INDOT to begin Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework next week

The project is set to start on or after Monday, April 5 and last through July

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Local motorists driving in and around downtown Wabash should

add a few more minutes to their expected drive times starting next week.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash, said public relations manager Hunter Petroviak on Monday.

The northbound lanes between

Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street.

The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work.

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## Hoosiers 30 and over begin signing up for vaccine

Over 79,000 of those under age 40 schedule appointments on Monday

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announced Hoosiers ages 30 and older are now eligible to sign up for a free COVID-19 vaccine.

This expansion of eligibility made the vaccine available to more than 840,000 additional Hoosiers.

Beginning Wednesday, Hoosiers age 16 and older also will be able to schedule a vaccine.

Hoosiers age 30 and older, along with healthcare workers, long-term care residents, first

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## Pancake Day returns after last year's cancellation

The annual event serves Wabash Kiwanis Club's largest fundraiser of year

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

COVID-19 was responsible for many annual events local organizations had counted on to be canceled.

The 2020 edition of the Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day was no exception.

Originally scheduled for March 2020, last year's Pancake Day was rescheduled twice last summer and was ultimately canceled due to COVID-19 concerns about the health of the club and the public.

Despite this cancellation, the club was still able to raise \$6,050 in sponsorship funding from local organizations.

But now, with case numbers lower than they have been in months,

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# 2021 State of Our Communities planned for Thursday, April 1

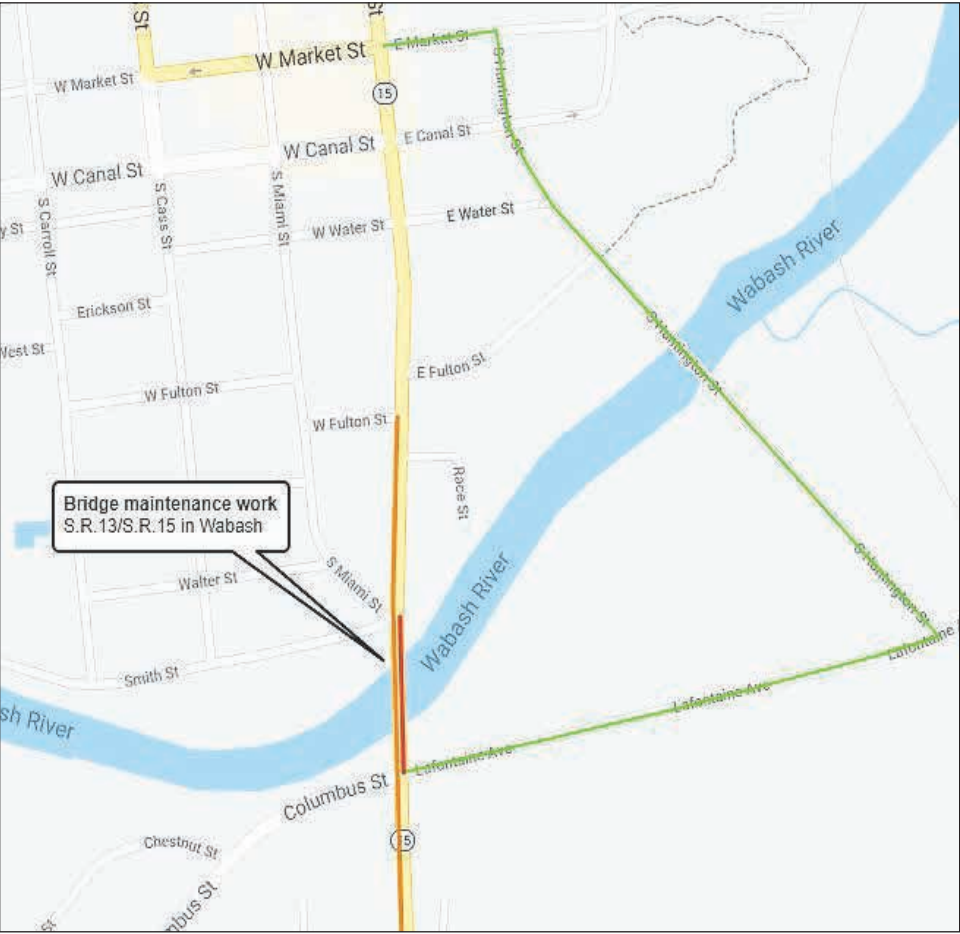
Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater will emcee the event

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County has announced the annual State of Our Communities event from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1 at Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market St., “as our entire community looks back on the ups and downs of 2020 and the goals put in place for 2021,” according to a press release.

“Grow Wabash County and our community leaders have been working double-time to help support our local businesses and organizations through this pandemic, and we are excited to bring the community together to recognize all of that hard work and resilience,” stated the release. “This year, we will celebrate at the beautifully renovated Eagles Theatre with a coffee social hour followed by presentations from every incorporated community in Wabash County.” The speakers will include: ■ Brian Hauptert, Wabash County Commissioners

■ Justin Gillespie, Town of Lagro ■ Diana Heath, Town of LaFontaine ■ Bob Ferguson, Town of Roann ■ Allen Miracle, Town of North Manchester ■ Mayor Scott Long, City of Wabash Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater will emcee the event. Register online at [www.growwabashcounty.com/soc2021](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/soc2021) or by emailing [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or calling 260-563-5258.



The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash.

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“Drivers should be alert to changing road conditions and be alert to stopped traffic,” said Petroviak. Petroviak said the work is scheduled to begin on or after Monday, April 5 and is set to wrap up in July. This latest bridgework represents the second INDOT construction project in and around downtown Wabash announced this month. Earlier this month, Petroviak said local motorists will face other restrictions on Indiana 15 in Wabash extending through the middle of the summer,

Alternating lane closures were planned for Indiana 15 between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Petroviak said widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. “This project is a continuation of a contract that started last year,” said Petroviak. Petroviak said the cost of the project is just under \$2.9 million and is an 80 percent to 20 percent split. Petroviak said 80 percent of the cost is being paid through federal aid and 20 percent is being paid for by the state. Petroviak said this work is

being done is a resurfacing project that includes some pipework and the addition of ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Petroviak said a new traffic signal will also be installed at the intersection of Indiana 15 and Wedcor Avenue. Petroviak said work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer, just like the bridgework. On Monday, Petroviak said that even though these two recently announced closures were close in proximity, they were separate projects. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at [rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com)

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from his WPD post, other recruits have begun their duties recently. Since the start of the year, two new WPD officers have been sworn in.

At the Monday, March 22 meeting of the Wabash City Council, Adam R. Kneubler became the second Wabash Police Department (WPD) probationary officer to begin their duties so far in 2021 when At Large Councilman John Burnsworth administered the oath.

The first probationary WPD officer to be sworn in during 2021 was Gareth L. Monroe, who took the oath from Mayor Scott Long on Jan. 1 at the WPD headquarters. Rob Burgess may be reached by email at [rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com)

PANCAKES


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and vaccinations on the rise, 2021 is looking much more promising. On Monday, the Wabash Kiwanis Club announced they will once again host their annual Pancake Day event, which is the local service organization’s largest annual fundraiser. “After taking a year off due to COVID, we’re excited for this awesome event to return,” said board president Mike Keaffaber. “This fundraiser is such an important aspect of what we do because it does so much good for the community. We hope that we’ll see the community come out to this socially distanced fundraiser in June, enjoy some delicious pancakes, spend time with family and friends and help us raise money for projects that will directly benefit local children and families.” Board member Eric Seaman said the event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12. “After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church in 2019 and the event ultimately be-


ing canceled in 2020, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash,” said Seaman. “Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks.” Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Seaman said the event allows the club to continue its many service projects in the area, including support of Key Clubs at Wabash and Northfield high schools, support of K-Kids clubs at O.J. Neighbours and Sharp Creek elementary schools, sponsorship of the Wabash County Spelling Bee, renovating local park playgrounds, continuing the Club’s fifth grade book program, supplying the Kate’s Kart book cart at Parkview Wabash Hospital and more. Seaman said Wabash Kiwanis also supports youth- and community-focused

initiatives like Riley Hospital for Children, the Eagles Theatre renovation, FAME Festival, the Honeywell Foundation’s Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) and Educational Outreach programs, the Wabash County Scholarship Pageant, Founder’s Day, Wabash Area Community Theater, the Wabash High School volleyball team’s Kills for a Cure fundraiser and more. “Business sponsorships are such a huge part of how this fundraiser is a success,” said Kiwanian Donna Siders. “We hope that our community businesses will consider supporting this event with their sponsorship. Financial gifts of any size are also welcome.” Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by contacting Siders by email at [donnasiders@hotmail.com](mailto:donnasiders@hotmail.com) or by calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for only \$150. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at [rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com)


5-Day Weather Summary




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Showers Likely  
47 / 27




Thursday  
Partly Cloudy  
39 / 28



Friday  
Sunny  
50 / 33




Saturday  
Sunny  
62 / 41




Sunday  
Mostly Sunny  
68 / 46

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset ..... 8:06 p.m.  
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Last  
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New  
4/11



First  
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Full  
4/26

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 95% chance of showers, high temperature of 47°, humidity of 45%. Northwest wind 11 to 16 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 27°. Northwest wind 8 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 21°.

## Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold April meeting

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave., according to regent

Barbara Amiss. The program will be given by Northern District director Andrianne Berger on Civil War music. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of

age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage info may visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.

## Paradise Springs Park will host ‘an egg hunt like none other’

Wabash Marketplace releases April First Friday details

STAFF REPORT

Organized by Wabash Marketplace, First Friday takes place in downtown Wabash from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, according to executive director Andrea Zwiebel. “This free event features

downtown shopping, food, live music and kids’ activities,” said Zwiebel. “First Friday in April will celebrate Easter weekend, complete with an Easter Egg Hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny.” Zwiebel said parents and children will want to head to Paradise Springs Park, 351 W. Market St., “for an egg hunt like none other.” “There will be thousands of eggs filled with candy to find,” said Zwiebel. “Some

eggs will even include coupons for downtown activities and tickets to redeem top-secret, and cool, prizes. You aren’t going to want to miss this ‘Easter-ific’ egg hunt. Each participant should bring their own Easter basket or bag to collect eggs.” The hunt begins at 5 p.m., but you should be there by 4:45 p.m. if your child wants to participate. Any child from toddlers to 12 years old will be eligible to participate.


## Two outer space fans get seats on billionaire’s private flight

By MARCIA DUNN  
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A billionaire’s private SpaceX flight filled its two remaining seats Tuesday with a scientist-teacher and a data engineer whose college friend actually won a spot but gave him the prize. The new passengers: Sian Proctor, a community college educator in Tempe, Arizona, and Chris Sembroski, a former Air Force missileman from Everett, Washington. They will join flight sponsor Jared Isaacman and another passenger for three days in orbit this fall. Isaacman also revealed some details about his Inspiration4 mission, as the four gathered Tuesday at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center. He’s head of Shift4 Payments, a credit card-processing company in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and is paying for what would be SpaceX’s first private flight while raising money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Their SpaceX Dragon capsule — currently parked

at the International Space Station for NASA — will launch no earlier than mid-September, aiming for an altitude of 335 miles. That’s 75 miles higher than the International Space Station and on a level with the Hubble Space Telescope. The capsule will be outfitted with a domed window in place of the usual space station docking mechanism for their trip. Isaacman, 38, a pilot who will serve as spacecraft commander, still won’t say how much he’s paying. He’s donating \$100 million to St. Jude, while donors so far have contributed \$13 million, primarily through the lottery that offered a chance to fly in space. Hayley Arceneaux, 29, was named to the crew a month ago. The St. Jude physician assistant was treated there as a child for bone cancer. That left two capsule seats open. Proctor, 51, beat out 200 businesses and nabbed the seat reserved for a customer of Isaacman’s company. An independent panel of judges chose her space art website dubbed Space2inspire. “It was like when Harry

Potter found out he was a wizard, a little bit of shock and awe,” Proctor told The Associated Press last week. “It’s like, ‘I’m the winner?’” Sembroski, 41, donated and entered the lottery but wasn’t picked in the random drawing earlier this month — his friend was. His friend declined to fly for personal reasons and offered the spot to Sembroski, who worked as a Space Camp counselor in college and volunteered for space advocacy groups. “Just finding out that I’m going to space was an incredible, strange, surreal event,” he said. He’s about to start a new job at Lockheed Martin and admits it will be a balancing act over the next six months, as the crew trains. Isaacman insists they won’t cut any corners as they prepare for launch. “You don’t go up on Everest, right, after just a hike in the backyard. You build your way to it,” he told reporters. Proctor, who studied geology, applied three times to NASA’s astronaut corps, coming close in 2009, and took part in simulated Mars missions in Hawaii.



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# Obituaries

## Joseph Mark Whinery

Oct. 2, 1948 – March 29, 2021

Joseph Mark Whinery, 72, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 9:40 a.m., Monday, March 29, 2021 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. He was born Oct. 2, 1948 in Anderson, Indiana, to Donald L. and Mary Alice (DeFord) Whinery.

Mark was a 1967 graduate of Wabash High School. He received his BS from IPFW and his Master in Pastoral Studies from Huntington University. He married Linda Unger at the St. Matthews United Church of Christ on June 22, 1969. Mark retired from the US Air Force after 22 ½ years. He also pastored at the Andrews United Methodist Church 13 years, retired from the General Studies Department at IPFW, and also was a delivery driver for Papa Johns Pizza in Wabash, several years. He was a member of the St. Matthews United Church of Christ, and was attending Christ United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Hanna Masonic Lodge, and the Order of the Eastern Star, both of Wabash. Mark enjoyed going to McDonalds for double hamburgers and coffee. He was a people person, and also enjoyed talking, reading, history, watching and listening to Harry Potter, the Food Network, and



HGTV, and his two cats, Milo and Luna.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Whinery, two daughters, Kristine Whinery and Kaitlyn Whinery, and his sister, Blythe A. Whinery, all of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services and burial will be 11 a.m., Saturday, April 3, 2021, at Falls Cemetery. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Friday, followed by a 7 p.m. Eastern Star Service, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Wabash City School Band Department.

The memorial guest book for Mark may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Julia Ann Keaffaber

Services for Julia Ann Keaffaber, 77, of rural Wabash, Indiana, were 2 p.m., Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Michael Eaton officiated and Susan Vanlandingham was the musician.

A memory was shared by Amanda Cowan, granddaughter. Pallbearers were Ryan Keaffaber, Adam Roser, Andy Roser, Sean Frey, Damian Cowan, Nicholas Cowan, and Hunter Cowan. Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

## Robert Joseph Gray, II

Robert Joseph Gray, II, 48, of Claypool, Indiana, passed away at 1:19 a.m. on Friday, March 26 at his residence.

Robert is survived by his mother, Alecia Courtney; two sons, Easton Gray and Westley Gray; brothers, Chad (Allison) Schlemmer, and Jason (Nitosha) Schlemmer; and one sister, Amber (Mike) Bean.

Per the family’s wishes, there will be no services. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements for Robert have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

## Randall ‘Randy’ Bashore

Aug. 28, 1951 – March 27, 2021

Randall “Randy” Bashore, 69, Warsaw, died March 27, 2021. Randy was born Aug. 28, 1951 in Wabash to Ted L. and D. Joann (Cook) Bashore.

Randy is survived by his mother, D. Joann Bashore; wife, Kathy Bashore; sons, Jody Torpy and Randy (Jessica) Bashore Jr; brother, Ron (Susan) Bashore; sister,

Pam Johnson; sister-in-law, Marie Quick; and granddaughter, Brittany Bashore.

Calling Thursday, April 1, 2021 from 4 to 7 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will be held Friday, April 2, 2021 at 11 a.m. with calling beginning at 10 a.m. at McKee Mortuary.

# Shop Hop in Downtown Wabash runs thru April

The event includes a chance to win a prize worth \$100

### STAFF REPORT

Wabash Marketplace is introducing a “Shop Hop” to downtown Wabash, according to executive director Andrea Zwiebel.

The event takes place Thursday, April 1 through Friday, April 30 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 Shop Hop Dollars.

“The rules are simple,” said Zwiebel. “Take the entry form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary.”

Zwiebel said once the entry form is 100 percent completed, participants submit their entry to one of the participating shops or Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division

Road. Entry forms must be submitted by 5 pm Friday, April 30.

The four businesses participating in Shop Hop are:

- Borders & Beyond, 24 W. Canal St.
- Downtown Nutrition, 70 W. Market St.
- Ohh My! Cakes, 2 W. Market St.
- Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St.

Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available at [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org). The program is sponsored by Bickford of Wabash. The winner will be selected the week of Monday, May 3.

“Tag us during your ‘Shop Hop’ adventure with #ShopHopWabash. We can’t wait to see what you find at these adorable boutiques in Downtown Wabash,” said Zwiebel.

# We must all choose life

“Do people know they can come to me for help when they are in need?” It’s a question New York’s Cardinal Timothy Dolan poses in a new pastoral letter, “Fostering a Culture of Life as a People of Hope.” He suggests we all ask it and think seriously about the possible answers.

Dolan issued his new letter on the feast of St. Joseph, March 19, and, like his new book, “I Am with You: Lessons of Hope and Courage in Times of Crisis,” it is the kind of reflection we need as we come out of the worst of the coronavirus pandemic. And, in reviewing some of what we’ve been through, he offers some spiritual and practical guidance for the deeper pandemics we face.

People are lonely. And they already were before social distancing and shutdowns. Before the pandemic, assisted suicide seemed close to becoming legal, at least in the blue states. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has other things on his mind these days, but had once indicated his support for it when pressed. Suicide is a dark fog that we can’t get away from – I know people in my life who have taken their lives in desperation. I know even more people who have considered it.

Those who advocate for assisted suicide claim unbearable pain is the reason that its legalization is necessary. But that is to ignore the tender science of palliative care. In a remarkable new interview by David Marchese in The New York Times, Dr. Diane E. Meier, director of the

Center to Advance Palliative Care, talked about how physician-assisted death is not a solution. “I wouldn’t want to be part of that society,” she said. “There was a recent case in Canada: a guy with neurodegenerative disorder who was cognitively intact. In order to go home from the hospital, he needed 24-hour care, and the government would not pay for 24-hour care. He recorded hospital staff offering him medical aid in dying as an alternative. You think that doesn’t

### Kathryn Lopez



create pressure on people ...? ... That pushes someone who is struggling right over the cliff.”

And she boldly stated this fact: “It’s important to disabuse you of the notion that pain is the reason people request medical aid in dying. Pain is not the reason. It is existential and spiritual. The only treatment for that is relationship, attention, sitting with. Not trying to fix. That willingness to be with and engage the person in giving voice to that suffering is such a powerful intervention. It requires training. It’s a procedure. It isn’t about, “We can fix everything. But we can enable giving voice to profound suffering, and that makes a huge difference.”

Assisted suicide shouldn’t be a religious or partisan issue. When Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s father, Mario, was governor, the New York State Task

Force on Life & the Law released a report in 1994 unanimously rejecting assisted suicide, and cautioned: “No matter how carefully any guidelines are framed, assisted suicide and euthanasia will be practiced through the prism of social inequality and bias that characterizes the delivery of services in all segments of society, including health care. The practices will pose the greatest risks to those who are poor, elderly, members of a minority group or without access to good medical care.”

It’s hard to think about assisted suicide without thinking about abortion. And like abortion, assisted suicide is most dangerous for Black and other minority communities. The information question is key when it comes to abortion, too. Do people know the options? Of course not. Instead of insisting on assisted suicide, let’s help people know they are not alone and get them resources. And as we approach holy days in the Jewish and Christian traditions that celebrate life, let’s live as though we believe women deserve better than abortion. Because they do. And we’re only going to have more violence until we confront and reject unnecessary death.

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# The North Manchester Historical Society presents ‘The Irish Wars in Wabash County’

The program may be viewed online

### STAFF REPORT

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) hosted its monthly program on Monday, March 8 virtually, and is now available for viewing online, according to director Laura Rager.

The program was presented by Jay M. Perry, Ph.D. Perry is a native Hoosier and historian with expertise in Irish-America and immigration in the 1800s.

He has written a master’s thesis and several published articles on feuds among Irish laborers building canals and railroads in Indiana during the nineteenth



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century. Perry is a graduate of the University of Evansville, Indiana University

and Bowling Green State University.

“In July of 1835, 600 Irish immigrant laborers stopped digging the Wabash and Erie Canal. Half Marched west from Huntington with the rest marching east from Peru. Halfway between stood the present-day site of Lagro, a predetermined location for two rival groups to violently resolve a long-standing dispute,” said Jay Perry.

Many people are unaware of the nearly 200-year-old tales of the Corkonians and the Fardowns, Irish laborers from opposite ends of the Emerald Isle and how their feuds traveled with them across an ocean to the United States. Join the North Manchester Historical Soci-

ety as we learn how these rival groups, despite their differences, helped build the canal system that provided entry for ordinary people to the Western frontier of the mid-1800s. Access for Dr. Perry’s program can be found at the Center for History’s website, [www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org](http://www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org). This is a non-interactive program and will be made available via the internet link.

The North Manchester Center for History, 122 E. Main St., North Manchester, re-opened its galleries starting Tuesday, March 16. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

# Biden, CDC director warn of virus rebound if nation lets up its guard

By ZEKE MILLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden and a top health official warned that too many Americans are declaring virus victory too quickly, appealing for mask requirements and other restrictions to be maintained or restored to stave off a “fourth surge” of COVID-19. The head of the CDC said she had a feeling of “impending doom” if people keep easing off.

The double dose of warnings on Monday came even as Biden laid out hopeful new steps to expand coronavirus vaccinations, with all adults to become eligible over the next five weeks.

Biden announced plans to expand the number of retail pharmacies that are administering vaccines, and investments to help Americans get to vaccination sites. But the optimism was tempered by stark warnings about the potential for another wave of cases.

“This is deadly serious,” Biden said, urging governors to reinstate mask mandates and other restrictions that some states have been easing.

Hours earlier, during a virtual White House health briefing, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, grew emotional

as she reflected on her experience treating COVID-19 patients who are alone at the end of their lives.

“We have so much to look forward to, so much promise and potential of where we are and so much reason for hope,” she said. “But right now, I’m scared.”

“I’m going to lose the script, and I’m going to reflect on the recurring feeling I have of impending doom.”

Cases of the virus are up about 10 percent over the past week from the previous week, to about 60,000 cases per day, with both hospitalizations and deaths ticking up as well, Walensky said. She warned that without immediate action the U.S. could follow European countries into another spike in cases and suffer needless deaths.

“I have to share the truth, and I have to hope and trust you will listen,” she said.

Later Monday, Biden addressed the nation from the White House, declaring, “If we let our guard down now, we can see the virus getting worse, not better. People are letting up on precautions, which is a very bad thing.”

Biden delivered a direct appeal to governors, state and local leaders to reinstate mask-wearing requirements if they have lifted them, and said he encouraged leaders to pause plans

to further ease virus-related restrictions.

“Please, this is not politics, reinstate the mandate if you let it down,” he said.

Biden announced that by April 19 at least 90 percent of the adult U.S. population would be eligible for vaccination – and would have access to a vaccination site within 5 miles of home. Quick vaccination would still depend on supply.

Biden had previously directed that all states make all adults eligible for vaccination by May 1, but many have moved to lift eligibility requirements sooner in anticipation of supply increases.

Meanwhile, the White House is moving to double the number of pharmacies participating in the federal retail pharmacy program – it has emerged as among the most efficient avenues for administering vaccines – and increase the number of doses for them to deliver. Retail pharmacies are located relatively close to most Americans and have experience delivering vaccines like flu shots.

Biden announced that the U.S. is expecting delivery of 33 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine this week – including 11 million of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson shot.

Of note, more than 1 in 5 adults and nearly 50 percent of senior Americans are

fully vaccinated, according to data from the CDC. On Thursday, the U.S. set new single-day record for shots in arms: more than 3.2 million.

“Now is not the time to let down,” Biden said. “Now’s not the time to celebrate. It is time to do what we do best as a country: our duty, our jobs, take care of one another.”

“Fight to the finish,” he added. “Don’t let up now.”


Walensky and Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation’s top infectious disease expert, appealed to elected officials, community leaders and everyday Americans to maintain social distancing measures and mask wearing.

“We are doing things prematurely,” Fauci said, referring to moves to ease up on restrictions. Walensky appealed to Americans, “Just please hold on a little while longer.”

She added: “We are not powerless, we can change this trajectory of the pandemic.”

Walensky pointed to an uptick in travel and loosening virus restrictions for the increase in cases. “People want to be done with this. I, too, want to be done with this,” she said.

“We’ve seen surges after every single holiday,” she reiterated: “Please limit travel to essential travel for the time being.”



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# U.S. stocks slip in mixed trading as rate pressure ratchets up

By **STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA**  
AP Business Writers

Rising Treasury yields put pressure once more on big technology companies Tuesday, pulling U.S. stock indexes further below their recent all-time highs.

The S&P 500 lost 0.3 percent. Health care stocks also dragged down the market, outweighing gains by banks, industrial stocks and companies that rely on consumer spending. Smaller companies bucked the downward trend, powering the Russell 2000 index to a 1.7 percent gain.

Treasury yields perked higher after a report showed that consumers are feeling even more confident than economists expected, a big deal for an economy that's primarily made up of consumer spending. Meanwhile, President Joe Biden was set to unveil details Wednesday about plans to spend what could be more than \$3 trillion on infrastructure and other measures to help the economy and environment.

The consumer confidence report, and the prospect of more massive government spending, fueled a sell-off in U.S. bonds, driving their yields higher.

"This is spooking debt investors," said Megan Hor-

neman, director of portfolio strategy at Verdence Capital Advisors.

The S&P 500 slid 12.54 to 3,958.55, its second decline in a row. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 104.41 from the all-time high it set a day before, or 0.3 percent, to 33,066.96. The Nasdaq composite fell 14.25, or 0.1 percent, to 13,045.39. The Russell 2000 rose 37.11 to 2,195.80.

The spotlight was again on the bond market, where the yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.73 percent from 1.72 percent late Monday. It has jumped from roughly 0.90 percent at the start of the year with rising expectations for coming economic growth and possibly inflation.

When bonds pay more in interest, they can make investors less willing to pay high prices for stocks, particularly those seen as the most expensive. Companies that ask their investors to wait years for big profit growth to come to fruition are also hard hit, which has many big technology stocks feeling the most pain from rising rates.

Broadcom fell 3.5 percent and Cisco Systems dropped 1.4 percent. Tech giants also fell, including a 1.2 percent slide by Apple and a 1.4 percent drop by Microsoft. They were some

of the biggest winners earlier in the pandemic, rallying on expectations that they can grow in the future, regardless of whether the economy is locked down by a virus.

Despite the pressure on big tech stocks, most professional investors remain optimistic that the broader market can keep rising. A stronger economy thanks to COVID-19 vaccinations and massive spending by the U.S. government should help boost profits for many companies this year, particularly those like banks, energy producers and industrial companies.

Much of the market's choppiness is reflecting that expectation. Investors have been shifting money away from companies like Amazon and Netflix, which benefited from a world on lockdown, to airlines, automakers and others that are poised to benefit from a broader reopening.

"Big picture-wise, we're moving in the direction of a rebalance trade," said Greg Bassuk, chairman and CEO of AXS Investments. "In the next immediate period we're going to continue to see significant volatility."

Financial stocks rallied, in part because higher longer-term interest rates mean bigger profits from making loans.

# VFW Wabash Post No. 286 to hold fish fry on Friday, April 2

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 in Wabash is set to host a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 2 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand beer-battered fish, baked beans and coleslaw. The cost is \$9 per person. It will be open to the public. Carryout will be avail-

able.

Ford said current COVID-19 restrictions will be observed.

For more information, call 260-563-2463.

## VACCINE

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responders who are regularly called to the scene of an emergency to render medical assistance, and educators and school support staff through grade 12 are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Beginning Wednesday morning, Hoosiers age 16 and older will be eligible to schedule a vaccination appointment.

"Vaccine appointments will extend over the next several weeks to align with expected vaccine deliveries to the state. Individuals seeking an earlier appointment are encouraged to look at openings in surrounding counties," stated the ISDH.

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that more than 79,000 Hoosiers ages 30 to 39 signed up for their free COVID-19 vaccination on Monday, the first day of their eligibility.

The state currently has three different vaccines available. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines both require two doses and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine only requires one dose.

Another vaccine from AstraZeneca has yet to be approved and has come under increased safety scrutiny around the world.

During a televised press conference on Wednesday, March 17, state health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said several countries in Europe have paused their use of the AstraZeneca vaccine after concerns were raised over the possibility of increased frequency of blood clots.

Box said the United Kingdom had "not really seen that."

"They feel like their incidents of blood clots was no higher than what they would normally expect," said Box. "It is still something if countries feel concerned about it's not unwise to take a pause for a minute and look at your number of cases and complications."

On Thursday, AstraZeneca released the results of their Phase 3 trials, which showed 76 percent vaccine efficacy against symptomatic COVID-19, 100 percent efficacy against severe or critical disease and hospitalization and 85 percent efficacy against symptomatic COVID-19 in participants aged 65 years and over.

Box said they expected AstraZeneca would apply for their emergency use authorization (EUA) at the end of April and that any complications would be reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

As of Tuesday, 5,318 people had received their second dose in Wabash County, with 28 second doses having been administered locally on Thursday alone. As of Tuesday, 7,239 people locally had received at least their first dose, with 216 of those having been administered Thursday alone. As of Tuesday, for the single-shot vaccines, 133 people had been vaccinated through this method in Wabash, with one of those having been administered Monday alone. In all, as of Tuesday, 5,514 people had been fully vaccinated in Wabash County, with 29 of those having been administered Thursday alone.

As of Tuesday, a total of 2,739,390 doses have been administered in Indiana. wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org

*Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabash-plaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

## PULSE

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shortly after noon Friday, April 2 at Victory Christian Fellowship, 112 W. Main St., North Manchester. All are invited and worshipers should enter at north or south doors. For more information, call 260-982-4399 or 260-982-8357.

■ Dora Christian Church Preacher Mark Wisniewski in Lagro said everyone was invited to attend their special Good Friday service starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2.

## Woman's Clubhouse plans April luncheon and program

The Woman's Clubhouse will host Bill Plummer for the Tuesday, April 13 luncheon and program at 770 W. Hill St., according to Ellen Stouffer. Lunch will begin at noon with the program on the Turpentine Creek Animal Sanctuary. The MSD retired teachers are hosting this event called, "Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!" Reservations for the lunch are due by Friday, April 9 by calling Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

## Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for noon Wednesday, April 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410.

## Local landmark looks to be added to National Register of Historic Places

The nomination of the 13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater to the National Register of Historic Places will be considered at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

## Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for April 15 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with

four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

## Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser set for April 17

The Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will also be available. COVID-19 precautions will still be in effect during the evening. The purpose of the Spring Gala is to raise scholarship funds for local seniors from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools. Tickets are available from Wabash Tri Kappa members and may also be purchased at Wabash City Hall, 202 S.Wabash St., and the office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call 765-661-8206.

## Wabash Art Guild Members' Art Show returns for 2021

The 61st annual Wabash Art Guild 2021 Members' Art Show will be on display through Sunday, April 25 at the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. There will be free admission available for the Clark Gallery during these dates from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The group is also interested in inviting new members who would like to contribute to their works. For more information, call 260-563-7690.

## WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of "Play On!" by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more information, email brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com

## Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District's annual Spring Tox-Away Day. The city will offer curbside spring cleanup from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash's Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester's would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The

gates will close "promptly" at 1 p.m. on both days.

## Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant's course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email info@growwabashcounty.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

## COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital "on an on-going basis." Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

## DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org

To schedule a vaccine, visit https://ourshot.in.gov and select a location from one of more than 530 clinics around the state. Hoosiers who do not have a computer or cell phone or those who need assistance scheduling an appointment can call 211 or contact one of Indiana's Area Agencies on Aging or AARP. Nearly 70 libraries around the state also are helping Hoosiers schedule their appointments.

Vaccination clinics that are part of the federal vaccine program, including those at Meijer and Kroger, appear on the clinic map at https://ourshot.in.gov but are scheduled through those retailers' platforms, not through the state centralized system.

To schedule a vaccine, visit https://ourshot.in.gov or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance.

### School figures

The ISDH's school dashboard was updated Monday, March 29 with data as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 26. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Mondays.

Statewide, 148 schools reported no cases, 1,932 reported one or more cases and 288 have not reported.

During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

■ Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 55 total student positive cases, 11 total teacher positive cases and nine total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Intermediate School (MIS) reported eight total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Heartland Career Center reported fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Sharp Creek Elementary School reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported 39 total student positive cases, six total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases.

■ O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported 12 total student positive cases, 10 total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Wabash Middle School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 13 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Wabash High School reported 15 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ St. Bernard Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

■ Southwood Jr./Sr. High School (SHS) reported 17 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

On the Manchester Community Schools COVID-19 dashboard, the most recent update since March was from March 30 when one positive COVID-19 case were reported at MIS, with two people quarantined.

Schools of higher learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard. On-campus COVID-19 testing began again the week of Jan. 4. Updates to this dashboard will be made each Friday to reflect the current week of testing and the semester to date. As of Friday, March 26, a total of 437 tests were performed the previous week, with 100 percent being negative. There have been 4,906 total tests performed this semester, with 99.8 percent of them being negative, and .2 percent of them being positive. During that week, there were no self-reported cases on the North Manchester or Fort Wayne campuses. This semester, there have been 11 self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and seven self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus.

### Local figures

■ On Saturday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,398, with 14,565 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4.5 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 10.5 percent.

■ On Sunday, the ISDH reported seven new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,405, with 14,582 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4.6 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 10.6 percent.

■ On Monday, the ISDH reported eight new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,413, with 14,603 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 5.6 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 9.9 percent.

■ On Tuesday, the ISDH reported two new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,415, with 14,607 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 5.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 8 percent.

### Statewide figures

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 757 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 685,453 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

To date, 12,632 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 10 from the previous day. Another 406 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 3,253,251 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,250,411 on Monday. A total of 8,872,438 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the ISDH since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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# In some states, unemployment stays stubbornly high

By **TIM HENDERSON**  
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The economic recovery is leaving millions of people behind, especially those with jobs depending on conventions, tourists and live performances.

“It is a very sad situation. I can see why many lose hope and give up,” said Zuleika Lee, a former trade show model and mixologist in Nevada who’s been without work since last March, when the pandemic shut down the convention centers and bars where she made her living.

The state’s tourism-based economy was still reeling in January, the latest federal figures show. Nevada’s unemployment rate was 8.1 percent, more than twice the level it was a year earlier. Lee is looking for work in more pandemic-proof fields such as sales and graphic design.

While the nationwide number of workers who have been temporarily laid off has declined sharply, permanent job losses remain stubbornly high – about 3.5 million in February. The permanent job loss category covers people who, like Lee, don’t have a job to return to, and need to find a new one when the economy reopens completely.

At the height of the jobless crisis in April, 78 percent of the then 23 million unemployed Americans were temporarily laid off and only 9 percent were in the permanent loss category. As of last month, more than a third of the remaining 10 million unemployed were in the permanent loss category.

Those 3.5 million people total more than twice the pre-pandemic number of 1.3 million in February 2020, according to federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reports.

Economists warn that that increase will slow the recovery, leaving states looking for ways to retrain workers or get them into college, and to keep additional workers from losing jobs by creating job-sharing arrangements.

As shutdowns linger for some groups, “a growing share of unemployment will consist of people in persistent categories of joblessness, thereby slowing the overall recovery,” economists at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco warned in November.

That state of affairs is part of a pattern that’s reached crisis proportions during the pandemic. Low-skill jobs in tourism and in restaurants near office buildings, high-skill jobs in the arts that require live audiences and donations, factory jobs mak-



Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel

**Furloughed hospitality workers from the shuttered Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, Fla., demonstrate to preserve their jobs as management mulls the hotel’s reopening.**

ing airplane parts – all could evaporate, move or just take too long to return after a year of shutdowns.

Hawaii remains the most affected state, the only one with more than 10 percent of jobs that existed in January 2020 still gone this year. The number of jobless people in Hawaii is five times what it was last year, also the worst among states. State-by-state numbers on permanent job losses are unavailable, but of the remaining 10 million unemployed were in the permanent loss category.

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idly last spring and summer, fueled by people recalled from temporary layoff, the report noted. But that momentum has slowed as more people have had to start over and find new work.

Some lost jobs will come back, but workers will need to adapt to get them, said Brad Hershbein, a senior economist at the W.E. Upjohn Institute, a Michigan think tank that focuses on labor issues.

Food service workers will be affected even when nearby office buildings begin to reopen, if office employees continue to work remotely much of the time. Hawaii and Nevada may see their fortunes improve once tourism picks up again, but jobless workers may not be able to wait and may have to leave or find other jobs, Hershbein said.

“The hard-hit metros like Maui and Vegas will come back, because people still want to go to those places,” Hershbein said. “It may take a year or two, and some workers can’t wait that long.”

Artists and performers will have trouble if they depend on philanthropic donations in big cities where the patrons may have moved away, as evidenced by layoffs and furloughs in major operas and live theaters around the country.

States with stubborn unemployment rates are looking for ways to avoid a crisis as they allow more workplaces to reopen.

Connecticut, for example, expanded its Shared Work

Program, which allows companies such as airplane parts manufacturer Pegasus Manufacturing to avoid layoffs by cutting hours and allowing workers to claim partial unemployment benefits from the state.

“When employees remain attached to their jobs, it makes it much easier to bring that company back to full strength,” said Judi Luther, the state’s Shared Work Program director.

In Massachusetts, where the ranks of the unemployed are still almost triple what they were last year, Labor Secretary Rosalin Acosta told lawmakers this month that the vast majority – a quarter million of the total 300,000 jobless – no longer have jobs to go back to.

Acosta advocated for a funding increase for technical schools to retrain people. The proposed state budget includes an increase from \$4 million to \$15 million.

Such programs can help “make sure that we are helping folks that probably will not be able to go back to work that they had previously,” Acosta said in the hearing.

Michigan started a tuition-free community college plan in February that drew thousands of applications, aimed partly at people with low-skill jobs. “There’s a growing consensus that the economy coming out of a pandemic is different than the one before it,” said Erica Quealy, a spokesperson for the state Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

And Nevada won a \$13.8 million federal grant last year to retrain workers during the downturn in fast-growing fields such as health care, technology and manufacturing, joining other states working to retrain hard-hit hospitality workers.

That may not be soon enough to help residents such as single mom Jessica McCoy, who quit an Amazon warehouse job in Nevada last March because she was pregnant and didn’t want to endanger her unborn child in the pandemic. Later, when her local school and child care shut down, she had little choice but to stay home to care for her baby daughter and 8-year-old son.

Like many Nevadans, McCoy was hoping for unemployment benefits that never materialized in the state’s balky system. Other states also are working to restructure systems that failed under the weight of unprecedented claims.

“It’s very frustrating. I’ve been bouncing around from room to room struggling with bills and groceries,” McCoy said. Before her daughter was born, she said, “I started driving for UberEats just to get some kind of income coming in to feed my kid, once the school year was over. Then my car got taken away.”

Some highly skilled performance artists are still pressed by the slowdown. New York’s Metropolitan Opera stopped paying musicians last April, and about half have left the area or re-

tired. Similar layoffs hit the Houston Grand Opera.

“Singers have been hit so, so hard by this because of the risks of playing and singing together and how the respiratory symptoms of COVID-19 could severely damage our ability to work in the future,” said Lisa Neher, a Portland, Oregon, composer and singer who is organizing a “micro-opera” festival online to keep attention on the medium.

Ironically, the biggest stars have suffered most because they depend less on teaching and community work for churches and other organizations, which can be done remotely. Some of the most in-demand singers, those who toured the country for most of the year, have started training for jobs in accounting or technology, she said.

“We’re all working 40 to 50 hours a week to put food on the table and squeezing our art into the nights and weekends,” Neher said.

In South Dakota, one of two states that managed to grow jobs in the pandemic, the lack of state-ordered shutdowns and relatively few cases early in the pandemic served to keep more businesses up and running.

“Our labor market has not seen the severe impacts of the pandemic in other states,” said Melodee Lane, administrator of the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation’s Labor Market Information Center. “South Dakota was one of seven states that did not issue stay-at-home orders and the only one that did not require businesses to close.”

The state’s jobless total did more than triple between March and April last year, but by January it fell to a level close to pre-pandemic numbers. COVID-19 deaths were initially low in the state but started to climb in late summer. A Sturgis motorcycle rally of nearly half a million people in August may have led to more than 3,000 cases in the state, according to a non-peer-reviewed study by San Diego State University’s Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies. South Dakota now has the eighth-highest death rate in the country.

In Idaho, another state with more jobs now than last year, some of the increase was from people choosing Idaho as a low-cost workplace with hiking and skiing options, said Craig Shaul, a research analyst supervisor for the state Department of Labor.

“Some people were looking for a place that’s a little more open, a little more spacious than an urban area, and Idaho fit the bill,” Shaul said.

## With ship freed, a probe into Suez Canal begins

By **SAMY MAGDY**  
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*Associated Press*

SUEZ, Egypt — Experts boarded the massive container ship Tuesday that had blocked Egypt’s vital Suez Canal and disrupted global trade for nearly a week, seeking answers to a single question that could have billions of dollars in legal repercussions: What went wrong?

As convoys of ships again began traveling through the artery linking the Mediterranean and Red Seas, a canal service provider said more than 300 vessels carrying everything from crude oil to cattle were still waiting for their turn in a process that will take days. Egyptian government officials, insurers, shippers and others similarly waited for more details about what caused the skyscraper-sized Ever Given to become wedged across the canal on March 23.

When blame gets assigned, it will likely lead to years of litigation to recoup the costs of repairing the ship, fixing the canal and reimbursing those who saw their cargo shipments disrupted. Since the vessel is owned by a Japanese firm, operated by a Taiwanese shipper, flagged in Panama and now stuck in Egypt, matters quickly become an international morass.

“This ship is a multinational conglomeration,” said Capt. John Konrad, the founder and CEO of the shipping news website www.gcaptain.com.

Experts boarded the Ever Given as it idled Tuesday in Egypt’s Great Bitter Lake, just north of the

site where it previously blocked the canal. A senior canal pilot, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to journalists, told The Associated Press that experts were looking for signs of damage and trying to determine why the vessel ran aground.

There could be significant damage to the ship, Konrad warned. Stuck for days across the canal, the ship’s middle rose and fell with the tide, bending up and down under the tremendous weight of some 20,000 containers across its quarter-mile length. On Monday, when workers partially floated the ship, all that pressure came forward to its bow.

“Structural integrity is No. 1. You know, there was a lot of strain on that ship as it was sagging in the waterway,” Konrad said. “They have to check everything for cracks and particularly that rudder and the propeller in the back that’s connected to the engine room.”

“And then they have to go through all the mechanical equipment, make sure they test the engines, all the safety valves, all the equipment, and then determine that it’s safe to sail either by itself or with a tug escort to the next port,” he added.

The ship’s owner, Shoei Kisen Kaisha Ltd., said Tuesday that it would be part of the investigation along with other parties, though it did not identify them by name. It also refused to discuss possible causes of the grounding, including the ship’s speed and the high winds that buffeted it during a sandstorm, saying it could not comment on an

ongoing investigation. Initial reports also suggested a “blackout” struck the vessel, something denied by the ship’s technical manager.

The company added that any damage to the ship was believed to be mostly on its keel. It said it was not immediately known whether the vessel will be repaired on site in Egypt or elsewhere, or whether it will eventually head to its initial destination of Rotterdam. That is a decision to be made by its operator, rather than the shipowner, the company said.

The Ever Given was seen to be stationary in the canal lake from the town of Fayed on Tuesday, still stacked with containers, with a specialist tugboat nearby. Other vessels in transit navigated around it.

The grounding of the ship had halted billions of dollars a day in maritime commerce. Analysts expect it could take at least another 10 days to clear the backlog – though Egypt’s president said Tuesday it would take just three. The losses to shippers, as well as any physical damage to the vessel itself, likely will see lawsuits.

Shoei Kisen Kaisha Ltd. is covered with some \$3 billion in liability insurance through 13 Protection & Indemnity Clubs. Those clubs are not-for-profit mutual insurers used by the vast majority of global shipping firms.

Global legal firm Clyde and Co. said the Ever Given’s owner likely would pay Egypt’s canal authority for the assistance already rendered to the vessel. The authority also could fine the Ever Given.

“We anticipate a detailed investigation will follow which will determine the cause,” the firm said. “Evidently the cause will impact upon the legal liabilities of the ship and cargo interests.”

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi traveled Tuesday to the canal-side city of Ismailia to praise those who freed the vessel.

Speaking to a small group of reporters on a dock overlooking the waterway, el-Sissi deflected questions about the investigation, saying Egypt would not interfere in a probe that will be left to “the specialists.”

“We want to confirm to all the world, that things are back to as they were,” he added. He stood before a sign that said: “Welcome to the Suez Canal: Egypt’s lifeline of peace, prosperity and development.”

On Monday, a flotilla of tugboats helped by the tides, wrenched the bulbous bow of Ever Given from the canal’s sandy bank, where it had been firmly lodged. The tugs blared their horns in jubilation as they guided the Ever Given through the water after days of futility that had captivated the world, drawing scrutiny and social media ridicule.

The Ever Given had crashed into a bank of a single-lane stretch of the canal about 3.7 miles north of the southern entrance, near the city of Suez. That forced some ships to take the long, alternate route around the Cape of Good Hope at Africa’s southern tip – a 3,100-mile detour that costs ships hundreds of thousands of dollars in fuel and other costs.

## U.S. home prices soared in January by most in seven years

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
*AP Economic News*

WASHINGTON — U.S. home prices increased at the fastest pace in seven years in January as the pandemic has fueled demand for single-family houses even as the supply for such homes shrinks.

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index, released Tuesday, rose 11.1 percent in January from a year earlier. That’s the biggest gain since March 2014. Prices rose in all 20 cities, and the 12-month increase was larger for all cities in January than in the previous month.

“January’s data remain consistent with the view that COVID has encouraged potential buyers to move from urban apartments to suburban homes,” said Craig Lazzara, Managing Director and Global Head of Index Investment Strategy at S&P DJI. It’s not yet clear whether that trend will fade as the pandemic is brought under control, Lazzara said, or if there will be a permanent shift higher in demand.

The biggest price gain was in Phoenix, where home prices jumped 15.8 percent, followed by Seattle, with a 14.3 percent gain, and San Diego, at 14.2 percent.



# Wife is unsettled by man’s obsession with amputation

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married for six mostly blissful years, but recently, some of his fantasies have started to worry me. About six months ago, he told me he had an attraction to women with amputations. Naturally, I was confused. I didn’t even know that was a “thing,” but I accepted it, even though I thought it was odd.

Three months ago, he asked to do some role playing, where we hid my leg under a towel to give the appearance of having a below-the-knee amputation, which he says is his favorite. I didn’t like it, but I went ahead with it. But now things are getting to be too much for me. He recently told me that not only does he find amputees attractive, but he wants to be one. What do I do? – In Weird Territory

**DEAR I.W.T.:** The name for your husband’s fetish is body integrity identity disorder. It is important that you learn more about it, and I am recommending you do some research on the subject. You will find the information on the internet. You should also consult a licensed psychotherapist to help you decide whether this fetish is something you are prepared to live with or it’s time to end your marriage.

**DEAR ABBY:** How can I explain that I’d like to try traveling solo (or worse, with someone else) to my overly sensitive sister-in-law? We have known each other for many years. I am divorced, and she’s widowed. We have been on a handful of trips together in recent years, and after every one of them, I said to myself, “Never again!” She can be extremely annoying.

She talks ALL THE TIME and complains nonstop. Her feelings are easily hurt, and she’s the least self-aware person I know. I have traveled with friends without any issues. I asked a couple of them about this, but got no answers. She already asked (last year/pre-pandemic), “Where will we go next?” Help! – Bothered Beyond Belief

**DEAR B.B.B.:** Do not raise the subject of travel with her. Make plans with someone with whom you would like to enjoy the experience and, when your SIL asks, respond honestly. Tell her – as gently as you can – that it’s not going to happen because the last times you traveled together she complained nonstop and spoiled the trip for all of us. If she has amnesia, give her chapter and verse. Will she like hearing it? No. Will it solve your problem? Absolutely – IF you can summon the courage to set yourself free.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I and four friends were waiting to be served at a restaurant. All four of them began staring at their cellphones. Because I am not a cell-phone owner and I spotted a magazine on a nearby table, I picked it up and started reading it. When we got home, my wife said she had been ashamed of my rudeness. Do you think I was rude? – Tit For Tat In Texas

**DEAR T.F.T.:** Under the circumstances, no, I do not think you were rude. In light of the fact that the others were staring at their cellphones, you should have pleaded self-defense and been found not guilty.

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## Dear Abby



## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Cope with change
- 6 Collision
- 11 Dress feature
- 13 Annual
- 14 Theater company
- 15 Loosened
- 16 Make a choice
- 18 Astonish
- 19 Ancient cosmetic
- 21 Barely managed
- 23 Cheerful color
- 24 Trireme mover
- 26 Stiff pleated collar
- 29 Media mogul — Turner
- 30 Dash off
- 32 Luau number
- 34 “En garde” weapon
- 36 Literary miscellany
- 37 Yank’s foe
- 38 Mlle., in Barcelona

### 40 Drop the ball

- 42 Insect resin
- 43 Woeful cry
- 45 Snaky sound
- 47 Stale material
- 50 Sheet
- 52 Church official
- 54 Ms. Davis of civil rights
- 58 Hit the tab key
- 59 Earlier
- 60 Snooped around
- 61 Rib-eye

### DOWN

- 1 Quick to learn
- 2 German article
- 3 GI mail drop
- 4 Deep-piled fabric
- 5 Mississippi town
- 6 Hub
- 7 Cat’s prey
- 8 Diva’s tune
- 9 Vast number

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ERROR	SSN	
	TOXINS	GIN
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GIRD	NIB	PEKE
RIO	TASSEL	
	POW	SITAR
ASIMOV	OCTAVE	
MICA	ALPO	RAP
BLAH	TIER	TIA
OLLA	SENT	SLY

- 10 Dr. Jekyll and Mr. —
- 12 Ferrer or Tiliis
- 13 “Ick!”
- 17 Spooky quality
- 19 Hangs onto
- 20 More unusual
- 22 “You don’t say!”
- 23 1-70
- 25 “Just as I thought!”
- 27 Rolls tightly
- 28 Pesky hoppers
- 31 Corn unit
- 33 Easy as —
- 35 Letter after zeta
- 39 Amaretto flavor
- 41 Zoo heavy-weights
- 44 A relative
- 46 Silver bar
- 47 Valhalla host
- 48 Comedian Jay —
- 49 Some parents
- 51 Refrain syllables
- 53 So-so mark
- 55 Helmsman’s dir.
- 56 Grassy field
- 57 Clumsy boat

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Saturday’s Jumbles: HITCH ONION SUPPLY RATHER  
Answer: After getting both major synovial joints replaced, he shouted — HIP HIP HOORAY

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

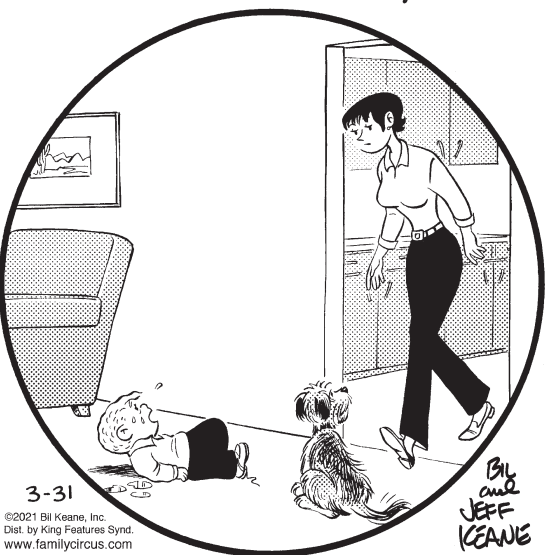


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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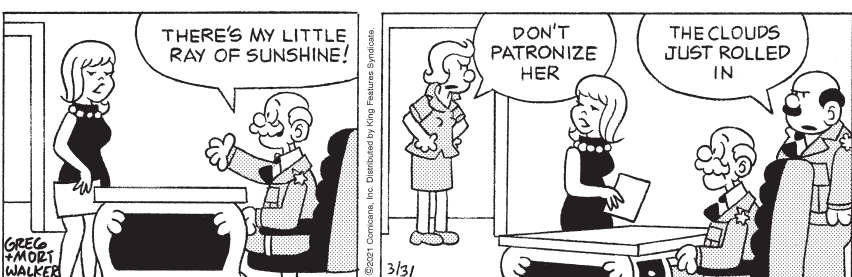
By Bil Keane



“I’ve been cryin’ since you went to answer your phone, and now I can’t member why I’m cryin’.”

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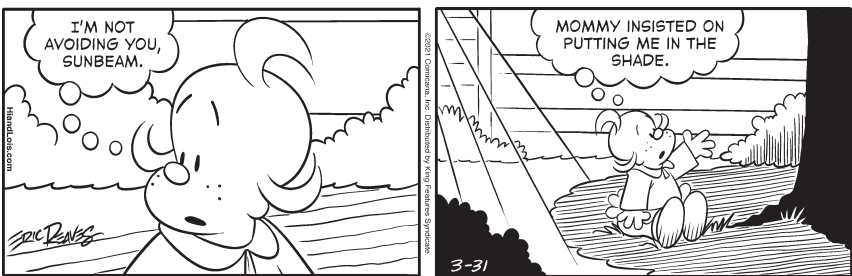
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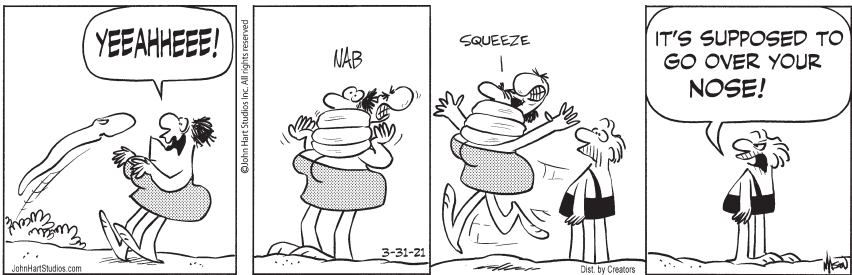
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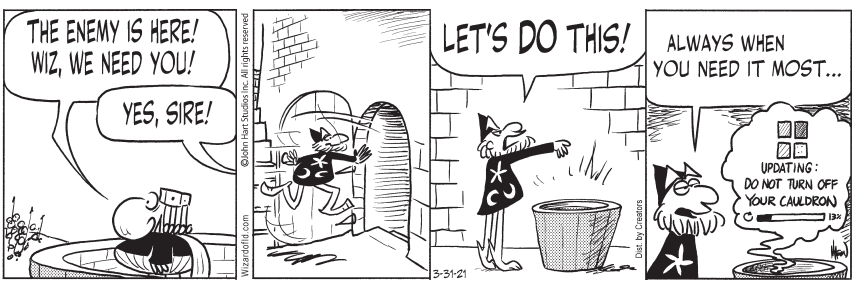
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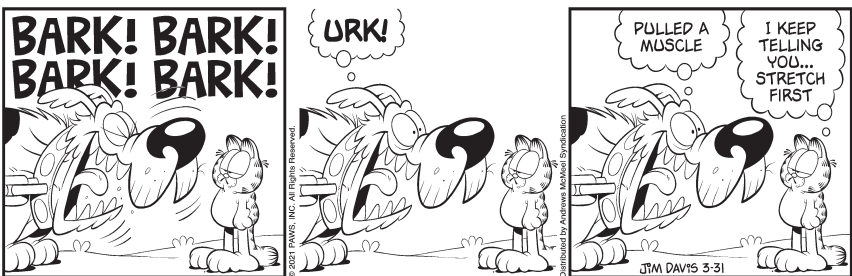
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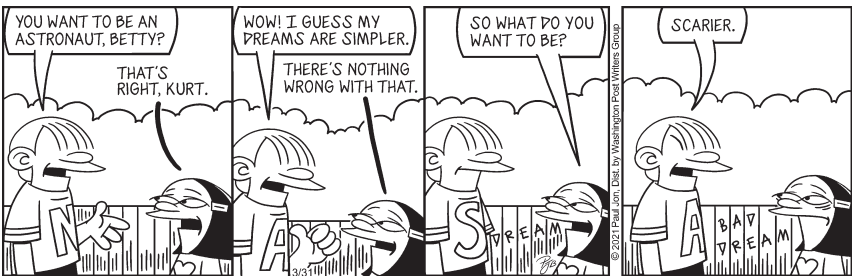
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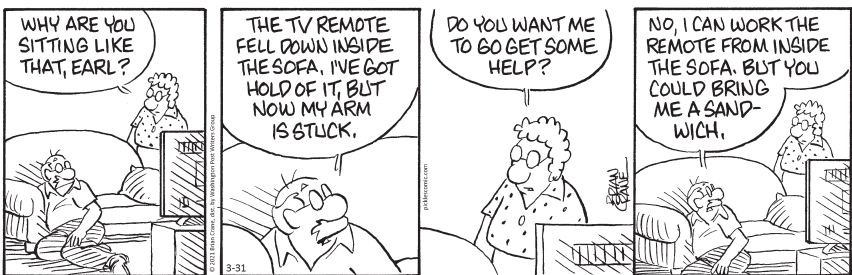
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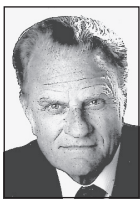


# God is the third party of the marriage contract

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** Many call marriage a contract. Doesn’t that make it seem like a business deal instead of a relationship? I don’t want to have a marriage that is like a business, but she is making my life hard, and perhaps being unfaithful. How can I prove my desire to love her through this and win her back? – M.C.

## Billy Graham My Answer



**A:** The secret of domestic happiness is to let God be the third party of the marriage contract, which is the commitment a man and woman make when they promise to love one another for life.

One of the most selfless things a person can do is pray for someone else, in spite of how they may hurt us. Scripture documents

many accounts of the weary-hearted and declares: “But they did not ask counsel of the Lord” (Joshua 9:14). We all have the right to pray and ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment in making all of our decisions. Often the Lord puts someone in our pathway that we can trust to share our burdens, but ultimately we must hold to God’s promise that He will never leave us nor forsake those who belong to Him (Hebrews 13:5). Seek Him first for He is the most wonderful Counselor and the Prince of Peace (Isaiah

9:6). When a spouse is unfaithful in marriage there is great responsibility before the Lord. The first thing to recognize is a soul hangs in the balance. It may be that God will use a husband or wife to win their spouse to the Lord and restore the marriage relationship.

“If a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness” (Galatians 6:1). Cling to the Word of God, He is the great Counselor (Jeremiah 32:19).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: “Very few fighters get the consideration of racehorses, which are put out to pasture to grow old with dignity.” — Budd Schulberg  
TODAY’S CLUE: “J’snbe H



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But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Romans 6:22

# It's time to reform or end the filibuster

The U.S. Senate filibuster has been given outsized importance it was never designed to have, and may well have outlived its usefulness.

From a once seldom-used device, it has evolved into a near requirement that most legislation achieve a supermajority of 60 votes in the Senate. Why 60? It's just one of the many variations the Senate has tinkered with over time.

The filibuster used to be the stuff of high drama, bringing all other business on the Senate floor to a halt. Launching one meant senators had to hold the floor, talking continuously. Sen. Strom Thurmond set an ignominious record by filibustering for 24 hours and 18 minutes in an effort to block the Civil Rights Act of 1957.

In 1975, then-Sen. Walter Mondale of Minnesota pressed for reforms, successfully reducing the votes required to end debate from two-thirds, or 67, to the current three-fifths, or 60. But that too became weaponized. Rather than driving bipartisanship, it has become a frequently employed tool by which a minority of the Senate can block the majority.

Eric Janus, law professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law

and former president and law school dean at William Mitchell, said that in its current form, the filibuster "gives too much power to the minority. It is being used to obstruct the will of the majority."

Although the filibuster doesn't appear in the Constitution, Janus said, it is clear the founders intended for most legislation to pass by a simple majority, with the instances requiring a supermajority spelled out.

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who chairs the Rules Committee, is among those who think the filibuster should be eliminated. "I've had it with us not getting anything done," she said. The fallback for both sides, she noted, has been resorting to the even more arcane process known as reconciliation, which allows certain budgetary measures to pass without a filibuster.

President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan was passed through reconciliation, but stripped of its \$15 minimum wage after the Senate parliamentarian ruled it would not fit within the rule's parameters. Senate Republicans resorted to the same tactic to pass President Donald Trump's tax cut package. Biden may need to employ it again to push through an infrastructure package.

"It's kind of ridiculous to be limited by what can fit in a reconciliation bill," Klobuchar said. "At some point, accountability to the people wins out. They want change and you have to be able to get things done. This archaic procedure is not working."

Further reforms are possible. A return to the "talking filibuster" would at least require a show of commitment. Another alternative, favored by political scientist Norm Ornstein and Sen. Al Franken, would require 41 votes to start a filibuster rather than 60 to end debate.

To those who say Democrats would regret the filibuster's elimination when Republicans return to the majority, Janus says simply, "What's fair is fair. If they hold the majority, they have the power that brings."

There are indications that Biden, who knows the levers of power in the Senate perhaps better than any president since Lyndon Johnson, has reached his limit for what he calls "gigantic abuse" of the procedure. He favors a return to the talking filibuster.

Given the obstacle the filibuster has become, all options for change should be on the table.

— This editorial was first published in the Star-Tribune.



## Police reform: Where to start

You probably know what you think about murder, rape, arson and all sorts of other abhorrent crimes. But how do you feel about jaywalking and littering?

It's not as trivial a question as it might seem.

Laws against jaywalking save lives. It is true that most car-pedestrian collisions happen at intersections, but more pedestrians are killed when they are hit while jaywalking.

Since pedestrian deaths now account for a higher proportion of traffic fatalities than they have in the past 33 years — going up 27 percent just from 2007 to 2016 while overall traffic fatalities decreased

by 14 percent, all according to the Governors Highway Safety Association — more than a few lives are at stake.

On the other hand, jaywalking is among a whole class of selectively enforced offenses — loitering, spitting on the sidewalk and curfew violations among them — that have routinely ignored unless somebody in authority wanted to target some "undesirable" individual or group for whatever reason. Such arbitrariness and capriciousness have contributed much to disrespect of the law in this country.

So, keep jaywalking laws or ditch them? Littering is among the lesser offenses targeted by officials under the "broken window" concept of law. Minor violations such as graffiti, shoplifting, petty vandalism and "fare-jumping" on public transit are vigorously enforced on the theory that criminals will move on to more major offenses when they notice the minor ones

aren't being prosecuted.

The practice has yielded dramatic results in a significant reduction of violent crimes in large cities across the country, especially in New York where it was pioneered. But it also resulted in a significant increase in the number of young minority men jailed in the cities where it was used, leading to, among other things, fuel for the Black Lives Matter movement.

Is the broken-window theory worth the effort, or are the costs too high?

I raise these examples as a caveat to consider amid the apparently universal adoration for the police reform bill just out of the Indiana General Assembly.

It was passed unanimously by both houses of the legislature, has the approval of law enforcement organizations, is supported by various civil rights organizations and will be undoubtedly signed by the governor with magniloquent praise for everyone involved in this brave step forward for Hoosier decency.

But my suspicion is that something so widely accepted might not have been that closely examined, and I worry about what might be missing.

Please don't misunderstand. The bill is aimed at greater accountability and transparency for police. It covers everything from use-of-force training to body-camera funding and disclosure of officers' backgrounds.

And that's a good thing. We are all at the mercy of police, who have the power of the state behind them and the lethal force to uphold it. We have to trust them to respect them and respect them to obey them. Our police should be the best among us, not just professional but as honest and fair as they are tough.

But we can't just praise the police and let it go, any more than we can admire a great army without caring whether it fights in support of a constitutional republic or a despotic tyranny.

Police work to enforce a body of laws on behalf of a community. It matters what the laws are and what the community expects from police and allows or forbids them to do. Police are just the point of the spear. We must also be watchful of those who control the spear and to what ends they use it.

Will police, for example, really be allowed to see just the breaking of a law, with all lawbreakers treated equally? Or will they be asked to replace one group that used to get favored treatment with a different group now owed greater deference?

When will they be asked to look the other way? Some cities have already tried this with lax enforcement of anti-prostitution laws, never mind how that trade might be linked to human trafficking. With Illinois and Michigan approving recreational marijuana use, some will pressure Indiana police to back off from enforcement here, never mind how much traffic safety might be affected.

The examples could go on and on, but the point is that police on the front lines are just one part of a vast criminal justice system so broken that it needs rethinking locally, statewide and nationally, from top to bottom.

So, the proper response to police reform in Indiana is not, "Great job." It is, "Good start; now what?"

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# Maine likes not-too-religious schools

Decades ago, the Supreme Court ruled that the First Amendment's prohibition of "establishment" of religion was violated if the government supplied maps to religious schools, but not if it supplied books. So, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., mischievously wondered: What about atlases, which are books of maps?

Now comes another occasion for jurisprudential hairsplitting about contacts

**George Will**



between the government and religious schools. At the court's conference on April 1, the nine judicial brows will be furrowed as they consider whether to hear a case from Maine that poses this question: Is it constitutional for that state to say that parents can use state aid to pay tuition at religious schools

if the schools are not too religious. If, that is, they are not excessively serious about religion, with excess to be determined by government officials measuring such things with some unspecified theological micrometer.

In 1925, the court, in unanimously striking down an Oregon law requiring children to attend public schools, declared that a child's education is within "the liberty of the parents and guardians to direct." Nineteen years ago, the court upheld a Cleveland program empowering parents to redeem publicly funded vouchers at religious as well as nonreligious private schools. The court held that the program had a valid secular purpose (education). And that any advancement of, or entanglement of government with, religion was merely "incidental" because the money reached the school by the private choices of parents, and this involved no imprimatur of government approval of religion.

Last year, in a case from Montana, the court held that if a state decides to subsidize private education, it cannot disqualify some private schools solely because of their status as religious. Now, the court is being asked (by a pair of parents, represented by the Institute for Justice) to decide whether Maine can disqualify a school that has a religious status because of the use the school would make of the tuition money. Maine says, in effect, that it can disqualify a religious school that takes its status too seriously.

In the many Maine school districts that neither operate a public secondary school nor contract with a school to educate district students, parents can use state funds to pay tuition at a public or private school, in-state or elsewhere.

But only if the school is "nonsectarian." Maine says the school must not promote "the faith or belief system with which it is associated" and must not present the material it teaches "through the lens of this faith." That is, parents can pick only religious schools that are not very serious about religion.

Maine has no objection to its funds paying tuition at a New Hampshire school that says it teaches "universal . . . spiritual values" in classes and at mandatory weekly chapel meetings. So, Maine, which perhaps has a list of "spiritual values" that are "universal," says a school can have a nominal religious status but cannot act on its particular religious tradition.

In the 2020 Montana case, the court acknowledged that some justices "have questioned whether there is a meaningful distinction between discrimination based on use or conduct and that based on status." The court did not need to address this because Montana discriminated solely on a school's status. If, however, the court agrees to hear the Maine parents' case, the court can clarify whether a state can make a school's participation in a tuition program conditional on the school submitting to government officials' intrusive investigations of the school's religiosity. The distinction between the religious status of a school and the use to which a religious school might put funds it receives as tuition often is a distinction without a difference: Status and usages are inseparable.

Decades ago, the court elaborated a three-part test of whether a statute pertaining to government contact with religion violates the proscription of "establishment" of religion. One of the three parts is: Does the statute require "excessive government entanglement with religion." Surely Maine is plunged into deep entanglements when it undertakes to decide whether this or that religious school's practices are below the state's threshold of permissible religiosity.

Usually, questions about possibly excessive government entanglements with religion have involved governments somehow endorsing or otherwise promoting religion (e.g., crèches on public property, or prayers at public events). If on April 1 the court agrees to hear the Maine case, it can erase the unhelpful distinction between religious status and religious use, a distinction akin to the one it once made between books and maps.

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Palm trees blow by wind as Nicaragua prepares to receive hurricane Iota on Nov. 16, 2020.

# Naming the hurricanes: With Greek letters going away, a look at how they came to be

By **JOE MARIO PEDERSEN**  
Orlando Sentinel (TNS)

ORLANDO, Fla. — Earlier this month, the World Meteorological Organization announced Greek letters would no longer be used in identifying tropical storms and hurricanes.

The system has been used in only two seasons, accounting for six storms in 2005 and nine storms in 2020.

The system was done away with to avoid confusion in future seasons. The first introduction of the Greek lettering system fascinated many in 2005, which had never been used since the international, rotating alphabetic name system began in 1953.

But why and when did meteorologists decide Greek letters would be the backup plan? The answer is, nobody knows.

A simple Google search turns up plenty of results about the recent news of the abolished Greek letter system. Some hits reveal how the 2020 season used Greek letters as well as the 2005 season.

But nothing regarding when it was decided Greek letters should be used.

A more formal search on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration site doesn't yield background info on the system's origin, either.

A look into old newspaper archives doesn't reveal much, as well. Although there is an amusing anecdote from columnist Jack Burditt, of The Signal in Santa Clarita, California, who speculated in a November 2005 column how two meteorologists may have come up with the idea to use Greek letters.

Meteorologist 1: "What happens if we go through the alphabet?"

Meteorologist 2: "I don't know, go Greek."

Meteorologist 1: "Who you calling geek, Poindexter?"

Meteorologist 2: "I said Greek. Use the Greek alphabet."

Meteorologist 1: "That's horrible. That's the worst cockadoodle idea I've ever heard."

Meteorologist 2: "Yeah, but you forget, it's never going to happen. Now, do you want coffee or not?"

Meteorologist 1: "Fine we'll go Greek." Takes a sip of coffee. "This is horrible. This is the worst cockadoodle coffee I've ever had."

Burditt: "And that's how Starbucks was created. OK, not really, but you try to make a conversation between two meteorologists interesting."

Clearly, the idea to use Greek letters was not supported by everyone. Still, even turning to meteorologists doesn't shed light on how long Greek letters were the backup plan.

Dennis Feltgen, spokesperson of the National Hurricane Center, was unclear as to its origins.

"I have checked with the long-timers here and no one knew," Feltgen said.

The spokesmen suggested trying the WMO. Its spokesperson, Clare Nullis, also wasn't sure.

"Sorry, we have also drawn a blank here. Nobody knows," Nullis said.

Nobody knows.

The Greek letter system appeared from obscurity and apparently will not be missed as it fades into antiquity and hurricane seasons continue to spin on into the future.

The WMO's annual Hurricane Committee meeting concluded that after exhausting the annual name list twice in the last 15 years, the Greek alphabet did more

harm than good for several reasons.

First, experts found there can be too much focus on the use of Greek alphabet names and not the actual impacts from the storm, which can be distracting.

Second, the WMO found there can be confusion in translating Greek letters into other languages.

Third, some Greek letters, such as Zeta, Eta and Theta, are too similar in succession and also cause confusion.

"In 2020, this resulted in storms with very similar sounding names occurring simultaneously, which led to messaging challenges rather than streamlined and clear communication," the WMO said in a press release.

Lastly, retired names can cause gaps in the alphabet and lead to further confusion. The current naming scheme uses six different lists that rotate every year. At the end of six years, the cycle begins again with the first list of names. It's paired with a retirement system, decided by the WMO, when a storm caused egregious damage and death.

Hurricane Eta and Iota did just that in 2020, and are officially retired. The name "Laura" was also retired after the 2020 season, as was 2019's "Dorian," which would've been retired prior to the 2020 season, but wasn't after the committee couldn't meet last year due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Thus, in substitution for the Greek letters, the WMO will begin incorporating names from previously unused letters such as Q, U, X, Y and Z.

A supplemental list with the new letters will be made to accommodate additional storms and used every year. If any of those names are retired they will be replaced with additional names.

# White House says private sector should lead on vaccine passports

By **FIONA RUTHERFORD**  
Bloomberg News (TNS)

White House officials said that the push for vaccine passports should come from the private sector and that the federal government won't take the lead in creating a centralized document proving vaccination.

The U.S. government "is not viewing its role as the place to create a passport, nor a place to hold the data of citizens," Andy Slavitt, a White House COVID-19 adviser, said Monday in a briefing.

Vaccine passports that provide proof of immunity to the coronavirus are supported by the travel industry and other businesses that have suffered from concerns about the risk of contagion in public places. Airlines are already backing a number of tech solutions they hope would give tourists and travelers more confidence.

Slavitt said there is a segment of the U.S. population that would be concerned if the government plays "too heavy-handed of a role" in

monitoring vaccinations. However, he said federal officials will lead an inter-agency process to ensure "important criteria" around data privacy and data security are met.

"It's also important that we recognize that there are still many, many millions and millions of Americans that have not yet been vaccinated," he added.

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said in a separate briefing Monday there will be no centralized federal vaccination database, and no federal mandate requiring a single vaccination credential.

"A determination or development of a vaccine passport or whatever you want to call it will be driven by the private sector," Psaki said. "Ours will more be focused on guidelines that can be used as a basis, and there are a couple key principles we're working from."

Psaki said the government wants to encourage an open marketplace with a variety of private sector companies and nonprofit coalitions develop-

ing solutions. She didn't have a timeline for the process.

The news came after a Washington Post report last week said President Joe Biden was pushing for development of a vaccine passport that would provide proof that people were vaccinated against COVID-19.

The travel industry is seeking vaccine passports or solutions to verify COVID-19 vaccination and testing results. Some being developed include the IATA Travel Pass app, the AOKpass from French travel-security company International SOS, and the CommonPass, which is being developed by a Swiss nonprofit and the World Economic Forum.

Biden announced Monday that within three weeks, 90 percent of U.S. adults will be eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine, officials familiar with the matter said. The president previously directed states to open eligibility to all adults no later than May 1.

A total of 31 states have said they will fully open eligibility by April 19.

# Trump's heir? Pence reemerges, lays groundwork for 2024 run

By **JILL COLVIN**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When former President Donald Trump was asked to list those he considers the future leaders of the Republican Party, he quickly rattled off names including Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and Sens. Josh Hawley and Ted Cruz. Conspicuously absent from the list: Mike Pence.

The former vice president is steadily reentering public life as he eyes a potential run for the White House in 2024. He's joining conservative organizations, writing op-eds, delivering speeches and launching an advocacy group that will focus on promoting the Trump administration's accomplishments.

But Trump's neglect in mentioning Pence during a podcast interview earlier this month signals the former vice president's unique challenge. For someone who built a reputation as one of Trump's most steadfast supporters, Pence is now viewed with suspicion among many Republicans for observing his constitutional duty in January to facilitate a peaceful transfer of power to the Biden administration, a decision that still has Trump fuming.

To prevail in a Republican presidential primary, Pence may have to reinforce his loyalty to Trump while defending his decisions during the final days of the administration when the president falsely alleged widespread voter fraud, contributing to a deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol. If anyone can achieve this awkward balance, some Republicans say, it's Pence.

"Anybody who can pull off an endorsement of Ted Cruz and become Donald Trump's vice presidential nominee should not be counted out," said Republican strategist Alice Stewart, who worked for Cruz's 2016 presidential campaign when Pence endorsed him. "He has a way of splitting hairs and threading the needle that has paid off in the past."

Pence aides generally brush off talk of the next presidential election. They insist he is focused on his family and next year's midterm elections, when Republicans are well positioned to regain at least one chamber of Congress. Allies argue that, over time, the anger will subside.

"I think 2024's a long time away and if Mike Pence runs for president he will appeal to the Republican base in a way that will make him a strong contender," said Republican Rep. Jim Banks of Indiana, who chairs the conservative Republican Study Committee and has already endorsed a Pence 2024 run. "If and when Mike Pence steps back up to the plate, I think

he will have strong appeal among Republicans nationwide."

Pence declined to comment for this story. For their part, Trump aides warn against reading too much into the omission during the podcast interview.

"That was not an exclusive list," said Trump adviser Jason Miller. Still, Trump continued to deride Pence in the interview, falsely claiming Pence had the authority to unilaterally overturn the results of the election, even though he did not.

Trump has not said whether he will seek the White House again in 2024. If he doesn't, other Republicans are making clear they won't cede the race to Pence. Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, for instance, is already visiting the critical primary states of Iowa and New Hampshire.

Since leaving office in January, Pence, who served as Indiana's governor and a member of Congress before being tapped as Trump's running mate, has kept a lower profile. He's pieced together a portfolio aimed at maintaining influence, paying the bills and laying the groundwork for an expected presidential run.

He's forged a partnerships with the conservative Heritage Foundation and has even been discussed as a potential president of the organization, according to two people familiar with the discussions. He's joined the Young America's Foundation and a top speakers' bureau, penned an op-ed for the Daily Signal in which he perpetuated falsehoods about the 2020 election, and recently toured a Christian relief organization in North Carolina. He will make his first public speech since leaving office next month at the Palmetto Family Council's annual fundraiser in South Carolina, another crucial primary state.

Pence has also discussed writing a book, according to aides, has been in continued conversation with his evangelical allies, and plans to spend much of the next two years helping Republican candidates as they try to reclaim House and Senate majorities in 2022. He's also planning to launch an advocacy organization that aides and allies say will give him a platform to defend the Trump administration's record and push back on the current president's policies as he tries to merge the traditional conservative movement with Trumpism.

"He's doing what he needs to be doing to lay the groundwork in the event he wants to set up an exploratory committee," Stewart said. "You have to make money, lay the groundwork, gauge the support and then pull the trigger."

Pence's allies see him as the natural Trump heir, someone who can keep his

base engaged while winning back suburban voters who left the party in droves during the Trump era.

"Obviously Mike Pence has a very different persona, a very different tone. That probably is an understatement," said former Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, a longtime friend who now leads the Young America's Foundation. "As long as he can still talk about the things that Trump voters care about, but do so in a way that's more reflective of kind of a Midwesterner, that I think ... would be attractive to those voters."

Skeptics, meanwhile, see another old, milquetoast white man saddled with Trump's baggage, but without his charisma. For these critics, Pence is a sycophant who debased himself for four years to avoid Trump's wrath — only to take the blame when Trump insisted, wrongly, that Pence could unilaterally overturn the results of the 2020 election.

The anger at Pence took a dangerously personal turn on Jan. 6 when rioters paraded through the Capitol chanting "Hang Mike Pence" as a mob outside set up a makeshift gallows. During Trump's impeachment trial for sparking the insurrection, video was presented showing Pence being rushed to safety, sheltering in an office with his family just 100 feet from the rioters.

Signs that many in the GOP still hold Pence responsible for losing the election have dotted the highway in many Trump strongholds, where masking tape and markers block out his name on Trump-Pence flags and lawn signs.

Meanwhile, others, like Pompeo, are trying to claim the Trump mantle without as much baggage.

"In many ways I think his future's in Trump's hands," longtime Republican pollster Whit Ayres said of Pence. If Trump publicly praises Pence as a loyal lieutenant, Ayers said, he can see him being a viable candidate. But if Trump continues to publicly blame Pence for their loss in November, "he's toast," Ayres said.

In the meantime, Pence has tried to project the impression that he and the former president have mended fences, referencing their conversations at a meeting last month with members of the conservative Republican Study Committee. Pence and Trump have spoken multiple times since leaving office, according to aides for both men.

"He was very complementary of President Trump and he told us that he and President Trump had been talking and reminiscing about the great accomplishments of the administration and all of that," said Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., who attended.

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## Strong pitching, timely hitting propel Manchester to a 3-1 weekend

Winners of five of their last six games, Spartans take on Bluffton on Friday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University baseball team put together an outstanding weekend against Rose-Hulman and Anderson University. The Black and Gold swept the Fightin’ Engineers on Saturday afternoon at Gratz Field. MU then followed with a split against Anderson in Sunday’s twin bill.

Manchester’s pitching against Rose-Hulman was phenomenal on Saturday. Junior Austin Kresl, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, pitched 10 complete innings in the first game of Saturday’s doubleheader. Kresl allowed just one run on six hits. He posted five strikeouts and threw only 98

pitches – 71 of which were strikes. Senior Keegan Stevens, from Rensselaer and Rensselaer Central High School, was sterling in relief, allowing just one hit in two innings of work. Stevens picked up his second win of the season following MU’s 2-1 win over RHIT in 12 innings.

Manchester’s walk-off in the 12th inning against Rose was set up by a single by Rady Perez, from Rochester, an error by Rose, and a sacrifice bunt by Cole Filson, from Plymouth. Zach Thomas, from Lowell, came in as a pinch-runner and scored following a single through the left side off the bat of Hunter Seegers, from Westport and South Decatur High School.

Game 2 of Saturday’s doubleheader against the Fightin’ Engineers saw more solid pitching from the Spartans.

CJ Williams, from Pendleton and Pendleton Heights High School, improved to 2-0 after he went 6.2 innings allowing only two runs and five hits. Michael Pinarski, from Goshen, came picked up his first save of the season after preserving MU’s one-run lead in the ninth. Pinarski ended the game with back-to-back strikeouts.

Offensively in Game 2, Jacob van Pelt, from Parker City and Delta High School, launched a home run to left and drove in a pair of runs. Michael Pinarski doubled twice and drove in a run.

On Sunday afternoon, Manchester’s offense put up 10 runs on 11 hits in the first of two games against the rival Anderson Ravens.

Michael Pinarski, Austin Knowles and Max Bridgewater all collected two hits in the opener.

Brady Perez and Joe Henschel, from Hometown and Carroll High School, each had two RBI.

Starting pitcher Carter Hooks, from Rochester, threw just over six innings and struck out four en route to his first win of the season. Zach White, from Logansport, relieved Hooks, throwing just over two innings and earning his first career save.

Winners of five of their last six games, the Spartans will look to continue their hot play on Friday against Bluffton University. The first pitch from Gratz Field is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday will feature a doubleheader.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

## Spartans cruise past Lions on Senior Day

Manchester is back in action today at Bluffton

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester men’s soccer team took home a big 5-0 victory against the Mt. St. Joseph Lions while honoring their five seniors on Senior Day. The five seniors honored on Saturday afternoon at Spartan Stadium were Kody Graham, Nick Surber, Josh Gonzalez, Zarean Abdullah and Nathan Hunley.

The Spartans started the game with a goal and an assist from two seniors in the third minute of the game.

Josh Gonzalez, from Portage, found Zarean Abdullah, from Erbil, Iraq and the International School of Choueifat, on a cross in which Abdullah finished into the net. Nearing the end of the half, freshman Harley Kruschwitz, from North

Manchester and Manchester High School, scored as well, giving the Spartans a 2-0 lead at halftime.

The score remained 2-0 until the 80th minute, when Kruschwitz found the back of the net yet again, giving him two goals on the game and four goals on the season. Two minutes later Josh Gonzalez found the back of the net, with junior Drew Gavit, from Fishers, picking up the assist. In the last two minutes of the game, freshman Cory Mitchell, from Maitland, Florida, and Winter Park High School, hit a clean shot to the upper left corner of the goal, giving Manchester their largest lead of the match at 5-0.

The Spartans (4-3 in the HCAC) are back in action on Wednesday, March 31 at Bluffton University. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. A win on Wednesday would guarantee the Spartans a spot in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Tournament.

## Women’s soccer honors seniors against MSJ

Spartans set to host Bluffton today

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester women’s soccer team fell to the Mt. St. Joseph Lions in a high-scoring, Senior Day match on Saturday, March 27. The Spartans honored two seniors during this senior day, Alexis Beeman and Jenna Ferguson.

The first half remained scoreless until the visiting Lions found the back of the net in the 29th minute of the game. Six minutes later, Manchester junior Jayden Murray, from Delphi and

Rossville Consolidated High School, answered back with a goal, tying the score at 1-1.

Manchester and Mt. St. Joseph entered the half even at 1.

In the second half, Mt. St. Joseph’s Jodie Weimer would tally a hat trick, pushing MSJ ahead 4-1. Weimer finished with four goals on the day. Maddie Shepard, from Greenville, Ohio, scored in the 75th minute of the game, netting her first goal of the season.

The Manchester Spartans are back in action on Wednesday, March 31 against the Bluffton Beavers at Spartan Stadium. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m.

## Manchester women’s tennis drops HCAC road match at Anderson

By DILLON BENDER

The host Anderson Ravens topped the Manchester University women’s tennis team in a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference match-up on Tuesday, March 23.

The Ravens won Tuesday’s match by a final score of 8-1.

Karly Eichenauer, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, earned a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Anderson’s Claire Miller at no. 1 singles on Tuesday.

The women will be off until an April 8 road match at Bethel. Match time is slated for 4 p.m.

## No. 4 Indiana women fall to No. 3 Arizona in Elite 8

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Arizona asks Aari McDonald to do just about everything for the Wildcats. And just about every game, she delivers all she’s got.

McDonald scored 33 points in a dizzying display of razzle-dazzle shot making and gutsy leadership in crunch time, carrying the No. 3 seed Wildcats to a 66-53 win over No. 4 seed Indiana on Monday night, sending Arizona to its first Final Four in women’s NCAA Tournament history.

“Just being a little player, I always play with a chip on my shoulder,” said McDonald, who stands just 5-foot-6 but used her small frame size to slip under and around Indiana defenders or shake them off the dribble.

“A lot of people say I’m too small. I’ll never do this, I’ll never do that. That drives me,” she said.

The Pac-12 player of the year controlled just about every Arizona possession, hitting the Hoosiers with slashing drives, timely rebounds and even a banked-in 3-pointer.

She briefly left the game with a twisted left ankle late in the fourth quarter, but had it taped up and limped back on the court to score six more

points. Her three-point play with 34 seconds left put the exclamation point on the victory.

Arizona (20-5) advanced to Friday’s national semifinal against top-seeded UConn, which reached its 13th straight Final Four when it beat No. 2 seed Baylor earlier Monday.

Wildcats coach Adia Barnes, who led the Wildcats to the Sweet 16 as a point guard in 1998, is now the sixth coach to lead her alma mater to the women’s Final Four. Barnes has said she took a risk when she returned to coach at Arizona five years ago, when it was one of the worst programs in the Pac-12. Then McDonald transferred from Washington and the two have been not-so-quietly building the program in the desert ever since.

“Aari, I asked her to do everything. She has done everything the whole time she’s been here,” Barnes. “And I’m proud of all of these young women around her. They fight and they play for her, and it’s just amazing.”

McDonald topped 30 points for the second straight tournament game. She scored 31 against Texas A&M two days earlier. Against the Hoosiers,

she was 12-for-20 shooting and made 5 of 6 3-pointers.

“I always want to be better than I was the day before,” McDonald said.

History was going to be made whichever team won Monday night. The Hoosiers advanced past the Sweet 16 for the first time but their methodical, grinding game simply ran into a player it couldn’t match for 40 minutes.

It worked for three quarters. After pulling back from an eight-point deficit in the third behind a workhorse night from Mackenzie Holmes in the post, the Hoosiers had tied it 48-48. But a scoring drought of more than three minutes kept them from making a charge in a game Indiana led only one minute of the second in the second quarter.

Holmes scored 20 and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Indiana (21-6), and the Hoosiers tried to use her presence in the post to control the game until the late scoring problems.

Arizona made consecutive 3-pointers in the middle of the fourth quarter, the latter from Helena Pueyo off a bullet pass from McDonald, for a 57-50 lead. Pueyo made two 3-pointers in the final

quarter.

Indiana shot 36 percent and was 0 of 9 on 3-pointers. The Hoosiers were 13 of 17 on free throws but got zero points off their bench and only got eight second-chance points.

“I feel like we got some good looks, we couldn’t put an exclamation point on some of them,” Indiana coach Teri Moren said. “It was tough for us, but I feel like we gave it everything we got and we didn’t let up for one second. And that’s all I can ask for from my team.”

The tension of the biggest night in program history for both teams showed early in a timid, ragged start as the first 10 shots of the game misfired before McDonald finally got a short jumper to fall. Once McDonald started heating up, she scored 10 of Arizona’s first 14 points.

McDonald even grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds, including one she ripped from and Indiana player’s hands for a layup to close the third quarter.

“She’s an elite player and she stepped up big time,” Holmes said. “She got to the rim well, she can score on all three levels ... We gave it our best shot, but she hit a lot of tough shots on us tonight.”